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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Bond” means any bond, note, or other evidence of indebtedness or obligation that a district is authorized to issue under this subtitle.

(c) (1) “Cost”, as applied to any project, includes the cost of and all expenses incident to the construction, acquisition, improvement, or placement in operation of a project, including the cost and expenses of:

(i) The purchase price of a project;

(ii) The cost of acquiring all the capital stock of a corporation that owned a project;

(iii) Amounts paid to discharge obligations of the owner of a project, if paid to vest title to a project in the district;

(iv) Any interest in real or personal property acquired in connection with it;

(v) Financial, technical, professional, engineering, and legal services;

(vi) Plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of costs and revenues, feasibility or practicability reports, machinery, equipment, administrative expenses, and other expenses that are necessary and incident to the financing authorized for the construction, acquisition, improvement, or placement in operation of a project; and

(vii) Financing the project, including finance charges and interest before, during, and for 1 year after completion of construction.

(2) “Cost”, as to any obligation or expense that is incurred before the bonds are issued, also includes the cost and expense of engineering services, estimates of costs and revenues, and any other technical or professional services that may be used in the construction, acquisition, or improvement of a project.

(d) (1) “District” means an entity that is created under this subtitle.

(2) “District” includes a board, body, or commission that assumes the principal functions of a district that is created under this subtitle and later abolished.

(e) “Governing body” means the body or board that is authorized to enact ordinances or resolutions for a county.

(f) “Improvement” means any construction, repair, replacement, extension, or betterment of a project.

(g) “Independent system” means a water system, sewerage system, or solid waste disposal system that:

(1) Is not operated by a sanitary commission or a municipality; and

(2) Serves territory not served by a project.

(h) “Member county” means a county that:

(1) Has formed or joined a district under this subtitle; and

(2) Has not withdrawn from the district.

(i) “Municipal system” means a water system, sewerage system, or solid waste disposal system that:

(1) Is operated by a municipality; and

(2) Serves territory not served by a project.

(j) “Project” means a water system, sewerage system, solid waste disposal system, or solid waste acceptance facility or any part of these that a district owns, constructs, or operates.

(k) “Sanitary commission” means a sanitary commission created under this subtitle.

(l) “Service area” means a defined geographical area that is established as a service area by a sanitary commission under this subtitle.

(m) “Sewage” means any water-carried waste created in and carried or to be carried away from a residence, hotel, school, hospital, industrial establishment, commercial establishment, or any other building, including any household and industrial wastes that are present.

(n) (1) “Sewerage system” means a plant, system, facility, or property that can:

- (i) Carry sewage away;
- (ii) Collect sewage;
- (iii) Neutralize sewage;
- (iv) Stabilize sewage; or
- (v) Treat sewage.

(2) “Sewerage system” includes the following parts of a sewerage system:

- (i) A disposal field.
- (ii) A drainage ditch.
- (iii) A force main.
- (iv) An intercepting ditch.
- (v) An intercepting sewer.
- (vi) A lateral sewer.
- (vii) An outfall sewer.
- (viii) A pumping station.
- (ix) A sewage conduit.
- (x) Sewage equipment.
- (xi) A sewage lagoon.
- (xii) A sewage pipe.
- (xiii) A sewage pipe line.
- (xiv) A sewage treatment plant.

(xv) A trunk sewer.

(3) “Sewerage system” includes any property or property right used in the operation of the sewerage system.

(o) “Solid waste acceptance facility” means a facility whose primary purpose is:

- (1) Disposing of solid waste;
- (2) Processing solid waste; or
- (3) Treating solid waste.

(p) (1) “Solid waste disposal system” means a system that systematically or on a schedule collects solid waste and transports it to a solid waste acceptance facility for treatment or disposal.

(2) “Solid waste disposal system” includes a solid waste acceptance facility that is used with the system.

(q) (1) “Water system” means a plant, system, facility, or property that can supply water or distribute water.

(2) “Water system” includes the following parts of a water system:

- (i) A dam.
- (ii) A filtration plant.
- (iii) A hydrant.
- (iv) A lateral.
- (v) A reservoir.
- (vi) A standpipe.
- (vii) A valve.
- (viii) A water distribution system.
- (ix) Water equipment.

- (x) A water intake.
- (xi) A water main.
- (xii) A water meter.
- (xiii) A water pumping station.
- (xiv) A water purification plant.
- (xv) A water supply system.
- (xvi) A well.

(3) “Water system” includes any property or property right used in the operation of the water system.

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